

**The John Adams Institute is proud to present the following events:**

Wednesday 30 Sept. 2009 – 8pm  
The Movies, *Haarlemmerdijk 165 Amsterdam*

**David Simon** *The Wire*

More than a few critics have called *The Wire*, the hit U.S. series about crime in Baltimore, the best TV show of the year. David Simon, its creator, began his career as a crime reporter for *The Baltimore Sun*, where he gleaned details of the city's seamy side. Using this material, he produced a series of bestselling books--including *Homicide*, which is now out in Dutch--and top TV series. *The Wire* intricately integrates lives (detectives, drug dealers, union bosses), uses local non-actors and almost no flashbacks, to create a gritty symphonic structure. Simon himself once said it is really "about how we live together." In this first airing of the show in the Netherlands, David Simon will take us scene by scene through an episode of what one newspaper called "broadcast literature."

Moderator: Chris Kijne. In cooperation with: Ambo Anthos Publishers

Prices: JAI members €11 - Student/Senior €10 - Non members €18,50

Tickets: <http://www.john-adams.nl/tickets/index.html>

Thursday 1 Oct. 2009 – 8pm  
Bethaniënklooster, *Barndesteeg 6 Amsterdam*

**Saïd Sayrafiezadeh** *When Skateboards Will Be Free*

Say you grew up in 1970s and 1980s America. Say your father was Iranian and your mother was Jewish. Say both were radical members of the Socialist Workers Party, who cared more about handing out political leaflets than taking care of you. What would you do? If you were Saïd Sayrafiezadeh, you would write an exotic, elegant, only-in-America memoir. *When Skateboards Will Be Free* charts his life in Brooklyn and Pittsburgh and a childhood of struggle, poverty and absurdity, as he is forced to dutifully rebel against capitalist society. "Its language has the fierceness and humor of a Charles Dickens story about childhood," one critic wrote. Join us as Sayrafiezadeh guides us through his outlandish variation on the immigrant experience.

Moderator: Bahram Sadeghi. In cooperation with: J.M. Meulenhoff Publishers

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